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Here are some thoughts on  
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FROM : SUBJECT: Reporting to the President and the National Security Council  
under the NSC-68 and NSC-114 Series

The following types of reports are suggested to comply with the President's directive of 9 August, 1951, in which he expressed a desire for regular reports on the progress of the various programs set forth in the NSC-68 series and the NSC-114 series. These reports would be additional to CIA's present reporting to the President and its support to the NSC.

1. A report on the progress achieved by the national intelligence establishment in organizing and equipping itself to fulfill its mission. This report would deal with such matters as: (a) CIA organization; (b) IAC relationships; (c) adequacy of personnel and physical facilities; and (d) current problems facing the foreign intelligence program. It might be prepared and submitted semi-annually by the DCI.

2. Reports on special intelligence activities. It is believed that the majority of these reports could be made in connection with the progress reports called for under relevant NSC policy papers. For example, CIA activities under the NSC-26 series could be embodied in a contribution to the Department of State progress report on this program. CIA activities with respect to  could be included in a PSB report. In a few cases, e.g., NSC-86, CIA would report directly to the NSC. It would be helpful, I believe, to standardize the reporting periods for these projects. If the progress reports were all due on approximately the same dates, they could be studied together and the relationship of the programs could be seen more easily - e.g., psychological warfare and defector programs. Semi-annual reporting would seem to be about the proper periodicity.

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3. An estimate of the world situation. This could be a periodic report prepared by the National Estimates Board surveying the world situation and emphasizing emerging and developing situations of importance to the national security. It should be estimative and not reportorial. It might be issued quarterly. Its scope and frequency probably would make IAC coordination impractical, and such a report might be produced, therefore, as the Board's current view of the global situation.

4. A report on the vulnerability of the US to attack. This report could be along the lines of the current NSC project, "A Project to Provide a more adequate Basis for Planning the Security of the U.S." An annual report would appear to be the most practical in view of the time and work involved in preparation and the unlikelihood of the basic factors changing rapidly.

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